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**WORCESTER COUNTY MAN SENTENCED TO 11 1/2 YEARS
FOR DISTRIBUTING CRACK COCAINE**

Baltimore, Maryland - U.S. District Judge J. Frederick Motz sentenced Curtis Schoolfield, a/k/a "Smooch," age 29, of Pocomoke City, Maryland to 138 months in prison followed by 8 years of supervised release for conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine, and distribution and possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine, announced United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein.

According to testimony at the two day trial, Schoolfield sold 16, 12.9 and 20.3 grams of crack to a government informant on three separate occasions. On one occasion, he sent his mother to deliver the crack and collect the money. The jury returned its verdict after deliberating less than two hours.

On November 8, 2000, Schoolfield was convicted in the Circuit Court for Worcester County, Maryland, of distribution of crack cocaine and was sentenced to six years in prison for this conviction, with four years and six months suspended followed by two years probation.

United States Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein praised the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Worcester County Drug Task Force for their investigative work in this Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force case. Mr. Rosenstein thanked Assistant U.S. Attorney Gregory Welsh, who prosecuted the case.